[Mr. K. Parameswaran Pillai.]

MR. V. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI:

231. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 800 for travelling allowances by Rs. 500.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI:

232. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,700 for Text Book Committee by Rs. 100.

MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI:

233. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 60,000 under Examinations by Rs. 9,000.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI:

234. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 60,000 under Examinations by Rs. 100.

MR. V. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI:

235. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 18,000 for maintenance grants to English schools for boys by Rs. 3,000.

MR. V. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI:

236. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 33,000 for grants-in aid to English schools for girls by Rs. 5,000.

MR. V. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI:

237. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 5,32,000 for grants-in-aid to vernacular schools for boys by Rs. 50,000.

MR. V. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI:

238. To omit the allotment of Rs. 9,000 for grants for furniture and appliances.

MR. V. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI:

239 To omit the allotment of Rs. 14,000 for grants for buildings.

MR. V. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI:

240. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 26,000 for stipends in the Training College by Rs. 10,000.

MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI:

241. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 3,300 under sale of Macmillan Readers by Rs. 500.

MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR:

242. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 33·67 lakhs under Demand XII by Rs. 100.

THE REV. FR. KURIAKOSE VETTIKKAPALLI:

243. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 33·67 lakhs under Demand XII by Rs. 100.

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI:

244. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 33·67 lakhs under Demand XII by Rs. 100.

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN:

245. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 33·67 lakhs under Demand XII by Rs. 100.

DEMAND XIII—AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES.

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Ag. Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*): Sir, I rise to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 1·57 lakhs under Demand XIII—Agriculture and Fisheries.

Motions 246 to 253.

The following motions were not moved:—

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MR. V. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI :

246. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 5,500 for travelling allowances by Rs. 500.

MR. N. KUMARAN :

247. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,100 for office expenses and miscellaneous by Rs. 1,000.

MR. N. KUMARAN :

248. To omit the allotment of Rs. 150 for honorarium for preparation of Agricultural Manual.

MR. V. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI :

249. To omit the allotment of Rs. 2,000 for purchase of live-stock.

MR. J. JOHN NIDIRY :

250. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 20,000 for maintenance of live-stock by Rs. 10,000.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI :

251. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 4,030 for seeds, manures, implements, etc., by Rs. 520. (Purchase of poultry appliances).

MR. V. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI :

252. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 3,000 for levelling, etc., of lands acquired for the Demonstration Farms by Rs. 2,000.

MR. V. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI :

253. To omit the allotment of Rs. 2,278 for land acquisition charges.

Motion 254.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*) : I beg to move the following motion :—

254. To omit the allotment of Rs. 1,500 for rug-making and carpet weaving.

I should like to know what this item is intended for. It is not clear why the Agricultural Department is making rugs and carpets.

PRESIDENT : Will you explain it, Mr. Parameswaran Pillai? It is an appendage to the silk farm.

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Ag. Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*) : There is a small flock of Coimbatore sheep in the cattle farm at Perukkadai and it yields every year a few pounds of fleece. With the fleece so collected some experiments were conducted on rug and blanket manufacture. The results obtained were encouraging. So an officer of the department was deputed to Vellore and other places to undergo special training in rug and blanket making. On his return he conducted some more experiments, the result of which proved that there is every possibility of introducing rug and blanket making as a cottage industry in Travancore. A school was therefore opened in the Silk Farm for training boys in this work. The first batch consisted of 10 students who left the school after one year's training in Medam last. Another batch of 10 students is now under training. So far, the school has been found working satisfactorily. Hence it is considered desirable to continue the same for another year.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*) : May I know whether these carpets are available for sale?

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[Mr. N. Kumaran.]

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Ag. Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*) : Yes.

PRESIDENT : They were also exhibited in the Exhibition.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Nedumangad*) : May I know what the expert is doing now ?

PRESIDENT : Giving instruction in rug-making and carpet-making.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Nedumangad*) : Is it part of weaving ?

PRESIDENT : It is supervised by the Agricultural Department because there is a flock of sheep in the Agricultural Farm.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Nedumangad*) : The rearing of the sheep is conducted by the Agricultural Department, but weaving comes under Mr. Chacko.

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Ag. Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*) : This has been in existence even before the Department of Industries was organised. We are continuing the same.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Nedumangad*) : Are there people in the Industries Department who are able to do it ?

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Ag. Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*) : That does not mean that the Agricultural Department—

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Nedumangad*) : I want a direct answer to the question whether there are people in the Industries Department to do the work.

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Ag. Director of Agriculture and Fisheries*) : I think Mr. Chacko will be able to explain.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Nedumangad*) : I am asking the Director of Agriculture about some matters relating to this. It is better that I get the information direct from the Director himself.

PRESIDENT : I will explain. The Director of Agriculture is not expected to know the inner working of the Industries Department. So I will explain. There is nobody at present in the Industries Department who knows carpet-making. As I said at the beginning, the boys who are trained to rear silk-worms are also taught carpet-weaving by the Agricultural Department. So this is only an appendage.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*) : I do not press the motion.

The motion was, by leave, withdrawn.

Motions 255 to 260.

The following motions were not moved :—

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI :—

255. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 1,208 for apiculture (furniture and books) by Rs. 70.

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MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI :—

256. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 33,566 for Veterinary Charges by Rs. 100.

MR. T. M. CHIDAMBARATANU PILLAI :—

257. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 33,566 for Veterinary Charges by Rs. 100.

THE REV. FR. KURIAKOSE VETTIKKAPALLI :—

258. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 15,228 for Fisheries by Rs. 100.

MR. M. N. PILLAI :—

259. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 1·57 lakhs under Demand XIII by Rs. 100

MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN :—

260. To reduce the total allotment of Rs. 1·57 lakhs under Demand XIII by Rs. 100.

PRESIDENT : I now put to the vote of the House Demand XIII —Agriculture and Fisheries—for Rs. 1·57 lakhs. I take it that the House sanctions it.

The grant was made.

DEMAND XIV—INDUSTRIES.

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*) : Sir, I beg to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 1·29 lakhs under Demand XIV—Industries.

Motion 261.

The following motion was not moved :—

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI :—

261. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,500 for equipment, tools, etc., for Textile Expert by Rs. 1,000.

Motions 262 and 263.

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*) : Before moving motion No. 262 I want to know whether any orders have been placed for the purchase of the drill and at what stage the matter is.

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*) : The order had been placed and the drill has come, and we have made the payment. So I am ready to accept a cut of Rs. 9,100. The payment was made on the last day of Karkatakam last year.

PRESIDENT : I shall put the figure at Rs 9,000 roughly. There is no objection to it, I believe.

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*) : Then I do not move the motion.

Accordingly the following motions were not moved :—

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI :—

262. To omit the allotment of Rs. 15,000 for purchase of a boring drill.

MR. V. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI :—

263. To omit the allotment of Rs. 15,000 for purchase of a boring drill.

Motions 264 to 267.

The following motions were also not moved :-

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI :—

264. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 48,743 for Direction by Rs. 100.

MR. V. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI :—

265. To reduce the allotment of Rs. 2,500 for purchase of surveying instruments by Rs. 100.

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